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The Chicago Women's Club has adopted a resolution calling for a "sane Christmas." No expensive present is to be given unless it be to a child. Precious stones, antiques and rare editions will be considered bad form as Christmas presents. An enraged farmer fired a shotgun point blank at automobilists at Erie, Pa., nearly tearing the faces off the man and woman in the car. The farmer was angered because the machine accidentally killed his dog.

Yamada, the Japanese billiard expert, defeated Ora Morningstar in the playing off of their tie, thus winning third money in the world's professional championship 182 ball line tournament at New York. The score was 500 to 239. After a long debate, the American Federation of Labor, convening at Rochester, N. Y., adopted the report of the committee on president's report, thus endorsing President Campbell's non-political policy.

SAN FRANCISCO NOW GETTING PLENTY OF ELOQUENT ORATORY

Exposition Ceremonies Demand Speechmaking. Water Project Fight

By ERNEST N. SMITH

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 30.—With official delegations coming from all over the world to select sites for various nations' buildings at the world's fair, there is an undue amount of speech making and felicitations, and in this work of greeting, Mayor Leitch as the leading man of San Francisco does quite a bit more than his share of speech-making. Indeed he is so pressed for time and opportunity that often his hard worked secretary, Mr. Rainey is called upon to fill the lesser engagements and present the absent mayor's felicitations. But even the secretary is overworked, and long since all original thought is fled—mixed in with former speeches. It has mostly developed into a rendition of platitudes, given mechanically—and thereby hangs the tale which set San Francisco laughing. The genial secretary was instructed to attend an annual banquet given to the inmates of the city's almshouse, and represent the mayor in all good ways possible. There is so little that one can say in the way of greeting or enthusiastic commentaries upon the world in general at an almshouse banquet, but the secretary did nobly, and ended with this friendly peroration: "And now, my good friends I leave you after conveying to you all Mr. Rolph's expressed regret that he could not be with you tonight, and for myself, I wish you all continued success, long life, and prosperity."

The Hetch Hetchy Fight. The efforts of San Francisco to get a municipal water supply has led to one of the hardest, most interesting, and far reaching fights that any municipality in this country has had to put up to get permission to run its own affairs, and the details thereof are worth noting.

When it was definitely decided by the voters to get their own water supply negotiations were opened with the Spring Valley Water Co. and that astute corporation tried to gouge the city out of a good many more millions than the physical properties were worth, in fact it looked as though the water in the corporation stock was greater in quantity than in the reservoirs. Mayor McCarthy and his crazy crew negotiated for months, but were out maneuvered by the wiser business heads of the Spring Valley, and every time the city turned down the ask price, the water company got hold of some more lands and on the next deal raised their price. This went on for some time until the city in desperation turned from the Spring Valley and prepared to take over the Hetch Hetchy water shed, a wonderful valley in the Sierra mountains near the state line by Nevada. This was considered an ideal property for the city to acquire, and after considerable negotiations with the government Secretary Garfield in Roosevelt's cabinet paved the way for the acquisition of the properties.

Before the deal was consummated however the Taft administration set the Garfield grant aside, and San Francisco had to start over again. Meanwhile opposition grew, undoubtedly under the tutelage of the Spring Valley and some of the long haired nature lovers of the famous Sierra Club announced that the wonderful Hetch Hetchy valley should never be desecrated by a lake to provide a water supply. These men started a popular agitation, and were soon joined by representatives of Oakland and the cities across the bay, who claimed that the water should be kept for their use if anybody was going to have it. Oakland didn't really need it, but joined in the fight just to deprive San Francisco from making any progress. This growing jealousy has become more and more apparent of late months, and is one of the disappointing features of the great progress being made by both cities.

All the parties to the controversy are now in Washington presenting their claims before Secretary Fisher, and in spite of all that the latter can do the fight is becoming unusually bitter.

The "nature lovers" are the most uncompromising in their opposition. They declare this beautiful, out-of-the-way and but little visited valley would be utterly ruined for camping purposes were a lake included in nature's handiwork.

Secretary Fisher asked Richard Underwood Johnson, one of the nature lovers, if he would prefer to have San Francisco disill ocean water at a cost of \$100,000,000 a year rather than consent to the Hetch Hetchy grant.

A Violent Proposal. Fisher inquired further whether, if there was an obstruction at the mouth of the Hetch Hetchy that would create a lake, would Johnson favor blowing up the obstruction and draining the lake to provide camping grounds.

"I would," declared Johnson, firmly. Such an opposition is ludicrous and of no particular moment save as an annoyance, but the rest of the opposition is to be reckoned with.

The Spring Valley, to save itself, would defeat a municipal water supply at any cost, and the tactics used by the corporation have developed a sturdy defense.

Other water sheds have been proposed, thereby causing considerable delay which San Francisco gathers statistics to refute the plausible claims put forward. It is admitted that there are other water supplies available, but none that are so advantageous. Either the cost of pumping or cost of purifying is too great. The regions about Mt. Shasta have been proposed by landholders who want to unload, while on the other extreme is a combination of San Joaquin landholders who are protesting against San Francisco taking a water supply which they claim will be needed in the development of the valley.

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Fisher Asks Co-operation. In the meantime Secretary Fisher has announced that he would feel more like granting the Hetch Hetchy permit if the city would promise to develop the electric power obtainable at the same time the water is being secured. This the city is not certain it can do at once as the city charter limits the work that can be done and the bonded indebtedness of San Francisco is almost to the limit. If Spring Valley can block the Hetch Hetchy it is likely that San Francisco will have to pay the price for the corporation holdings. The water supplied is good, but not sufficient, but that is of little consequence to the company providing the water company can unload everything on the city at a profit of several millions. That done the city can pull itself out of the hole if it needs more water.

But San Francisco is trying to pull itself out of the hole now in its efforts to get a water supply from Hetch Hetchy which will fill requirements for years to come.

BRYAN A THORN IN PARTY FLESH

Storm of Protest When Wilson Asks Nebraskan to Visit Him in Bermuda

By C. S. ALBERT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 27.—When President-elect Wilson invited William J. Bryan to spend a few days at his Bermuda retreat and talk over political matters such a general howl went up as to cause much amazement and comment. It immediately became apparent that the rank and file of the Democratic party bitterly resented the suggestion that Governor Wilson desired advice and admonition from Mr. Bryan. All the latent unpleasantness that partially disappeared during the campaign bounced to the surface. It was made plain that no meddling by Mr. Bryan is sought by the people who cast the votes. The storm of protests increased to such unexpected proportions that Mr. Bryan promptly wired friends in this city that he would not accept the Governor's invitation. He also declared a position in the Cabinet had not been tendered him. He did all possible to allay the hurricane of ill feeling that followed the Governor's foolish invitation.

At the same time Speaker Clark and Chairman Underwood, of the Ways and Means Committee, issued notification that there must be no interference by Mr. Bryan in any programme for tariff revision. They announced that he must keep entirely out of the fray and leave the work of tinkering to the Senate and House.

The combination of incidents has served to demonstrate that Mr. Bryan is not popular with many wings of the Democratic party. If he should hereafter take any part in mixing the political dough of the new administration it would cause the incoming president more sorrow than Job could enumerate in his busiest days. Although every editorial writer, who is putting a little thrill of apprehension in all his penwork, Big Business is bounding ahead as if there would be no change in the White House on March 4. The stinger is disguised and veiled, but it causes people to think there may be some slump after the new regime gets well under way.

Election Helps Business. Despite efforts to set matters somewhat on edge the situation as viewed from the New York standpoint is thus set forth:

Three weeks have elapsed since the Presidential election, and, despite the theories of a few disappointed politicians, conditions of business here and throughout the entire country are better today than they were prior to the election.

Optimism prevails on every hand, and importers, exporters, manufacturers, and commercial men of every class have full confidence in a steady expansion of the already vast volume of business.

American dealers in copper metals have taken orders in Europe during the last four days for upward of 25,000 tons of electrolytic and casting copper. The world's surplus stock of copper is now reported as 124,000,000 pounds less than it was at the beginning of the present year, and this is positive proof of the immense absorption of the metal through actual consumption.

Two days ago the Steel Corporation was assigned a contract for 18,000 tons of steel rails needed by railways in Australia. The rail mills of this country today have on their books unfilled orders for upward of 250,000 tons of steel rails.

While raw cotton is going out of the country now by millions of bales per month, and is bringing much higher prices than was thought possible in view of a crop not less than 14,000,000 bales, manufacturers of cotton are also aiding in the bringing in of foreign cash to maintain industrial activities in the United States.

Since January 1, 1912, nearly \$25,000,000 worth of manufactured cotton have been shipped out of the United States to supply foreign demands, and the cash and foreign ex-

change which these exports have rendered available to our manufacturers have paid many a Southern planter for his cotton and covered many a pay roll in the cotton factories of New England and the South.

The closing of the Balkan war, which seems close at hand, will increase European demands for much of the United States products, and will also relax the tension in financial affairs of that continent.

ASKS FUNDS FOR LEPROS HOSPITAL IN JAPAN

Governor Frear, on the request made yesterday by Consul General Thomas Sammons, of Yokohama, during official visit with the Territorial executive, will ask the people of Hawaii to aid him in raising a contribution of \$750 for the Hospital of Resurrection and Hope, conducted by a Miss Riddell at Kumamoto, in Japan, where a number of Hawaiian lepers are given care and burial when they die.

Many Hawaiian lepers have gone to Japan as a last resource in years gone by, to take baths said to be beneficial. Many of them die there, largely without funds, and become burden on the municipal governments and on the American colonies. Miss Riddell desires to build a wing to her hospital for the care of foreign lepers, chiefly Hawaiians.

The American Asiatic Association of Japan has made a substantial contribution toward the fund for enlarging the hospital, and now Miss Riddell says she requires only \$750 to complete the wing for the lepers. Sammons says Miss Riddell has taken an ardent interest in Hawaiians in Japan and that she is doing excellent work.

SEPTEMBER 25 MARKS OPENING OF CANAL

NEW YORK, November 27.—According to Congressman Fitzgerald, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, the first ship to pass through the Panama Canal will be sent through that waterway, new fast approaching completion, on September 25, 1914, the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of the Pacific by Balboa.

Fitzgerald returned from the canal zone today at the head of a party of nine members of the House Appropriations Committee who made the trip to the Isthmus.

Fitzgerald was enthusiastic over the progress of the work on the canal.

Indictments have been issued in this country against General Orozco, leader of the Mexican revolution who violated the neutrality laws. He is supposed to be hiding on Catalina Island.

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RAILROADS PREPARING FOR BIG RUSH OF SHRINERS

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence]

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 1.—Scores of railroads throughout the United States are making preparations for traffic incident to the annual meeting of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America in Dallas next May. The first meeting of the kind was held in this city Nov. 21, at which a large number of district and traveling passenger agents were in attendance. Chicago, St. Louis, Atlanta, Birmingham, New Orleans and other large cities were represented. It was declared at this meeting that more special trains will be brought to Dallas next May than at any time in the past, and to this end an inspection was made of the facilities offered for parking visitors' cars. It was decided that Dallas has ample facilities in this respect and that as many as 100 de luxe special trains can be easily accommodated.

The visiting passenger men visited the Texas state fair grounds, where the big military encampment for patrols and bands is to be held. They inspected the accommodations there for five thousand members of patrols and bands, the new cafe and restaurant building, the sanitary conveniences, and were unanimous in their commendation of this project. The Coliseum at Fair Park will easily seat eight thousand people, and is near the encampment grounds. Splendid accommodations for parking cars are also in the vicinity.

Arrangements are now being made, it was reported, to run special trains to Dallas from Chicago, Ill.; Dayton, O.; Wheeling, W. Va.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Parkersburg, W. Va.; Grand Rapids, Mich.; St. Louis, Mo.; and Savannah, Ga. George H. Thomas, with headquarters in Chicago, stated preparations are being made by every big Shrine city in his territory, Chicago, St. Paul, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and other big points, for sending large delegations of Shriners to Dallas.

McCann's Tours, Inc., of New York, has written Past Imperial Potentate George H. Green of this city that several of the largest temples in point of membership in New York and New England had booked with them, and would make the pilgrimage to Dallas via sea to Galveston and would return by land. Nearly all of the big eastern temples are planning their itineraries to take in the sea trip to Dallas and return by rail.

Ismael Temple of Buffalo, Zemora Temple of Birmingham, Anzesh Temple of the City of Mexico, Syria Temple of Pittsburgh, Aloha Temple of Honolulu, Mecca Temple of New York and Mulah Temple of St. Louis are city.

among the larger temples that have sent in requests for reservations of 75 to 150. The nobles of Anzesh Temple plan to make their coming pilgrimage the celebration of the return of normal conditions in Mexico and the beginning of a steady commercial and industrial advancement. By May it is declared that rebellion will have been suppressed in all parts of the republic and the Anzesh Nobles will herald this fact when they attend the Imperial Council meeting.

Next year will mark a new epoch in the beauty of the souvenirs to be given visitors in attendance at the Imperial Council meeting. W. M. Fehcheimer is chairman of the committee on souvenirs and badges and has closed contract for souvenirs for representatives to the Imperial Council that for beauty will be unequalled. Past Imperial Potentate George H. Green announces that Dallas will give particular attention to electrical illumination at night. He says this important feature has been somewhat neglected in the past, more attention having been paid to daylight decoration. It is the plan of the decoration committee to have the streets of the city so well lighted that it will be an easy matter to read the finest print. The American flag will enter largely into the decoration of buildings and homes, the executive committee rightly deeming no other decorative feature so effective and inspiring.

SOAPBOX BARRON IS MAKING A BIG NOISE

Soapbox Barron, the Big Noise of Kakaako, is brandishing the Big Stick in a fashion that would have done credit to Theodore Roosevelt in the ex-president's best days. If the candidates on the Bourbon ticket, who were elected at the last election fail to obey the behests of the county committee, and appoint to the vacant places in the city and county government, the men selected for them by five, powers that Soapbox represents, Barron says he will "have them upon the carpet," what ever that awful threat may mean. Also and to back up his assertion that what he is doing is the proper thing he produces a "pledge" to obey the rules of the Democratic party, alleged to have been taken by the candidates when their names were placed on the Bourbon honor roll at the convention.

All the men of the San Francisco fire department missed their Thanksgiving dinners because of a \$40,000 fire taking place in the heart of the city.